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ISLAND SINGER IN MUSICAL GERMANY

Alfred J. Blackman Meets With Most Flattering Prospects.

The many friends of Alfred J. Blackman, who left Honolulu some weeks ago for Germany to study vocal music, will be glad to learn that he has met with the greatest encouragement, and has a most flattering outlook. In a letter written to Mr. R. de R. Bode, dated from Berlin, October 18, he tells of his experiences and his hopes. He says:

At last I have something of real interest to write you.

Two days ago, at the Royal Opera House at Weimar, I had my voice tested as to whether, in the opinion of these opera leaders, it was good enough for me to practically give my life up for. Well, at the appointed hour of 4:30 p. m., I went with a Mr. Voss—he is a German noble and one of the leaders in literature here, many of his plays and poems being famous in Germany—with this gentleman I went to the place and, of course, met the two head men of the opera, the musical director and the first lady singer, and they were my judges.

I was on the stage and sang the first, No. 1, vocalize in my Spicker. Of course, I sang with a piano. These good folks, my judges, were in the audience, or, rather, were the people, sir, during a performance. After a got half through my solfeggi, the intendant stopped the music and then all four of the persons aforementioned held a conference for about five minutes, and then their verdict was that the material of my voice is excellent, but I'll have to do much hard work. This is exactly what you told me and what I knew. But how nervous I was! I simply trembled. First, because I am not used to singing in such places, and, secondly, I knew that I was not at my best owing to irregular practise. However, I pleased them, and from Weimar proceeded here (Berlin), and upon the recommendation of His Excellency the Intendant, as he is addressed, I am going to study with Maestro Franz Emerich, Berlin, and am assured by my friend that this teacher is most excellent, many of his pupils now singing in the royal operas. I am to receive a letter of introduction and recommendation from the Royal Opera House of Weimar, so, you see, this will carry weight. I have been quite a while getting started, but if it had not been for Mr. von Voss, who knows all the difficulties of the stage—and his name amongst these people is somewhat a Roosevelt—I might not yet have been here. He practically guided me, saw different people for me, and, in fact, did all he possibly could for me. He was so anxious that I start with the right master. And now for a brief outline of my trip from San Francisco to New York and Bremen. The trip across the continent was very trying and took me about six days, because I went by way of North Carolina and then to New York. I was in New York two days and one night, and enjoyed myself. I saw "The Merry Widow" and it is a great success. Music, action and plot are fine.

On Wednesday, September 22, at 10 a. m., I sailed from New York on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and enjoyed every minute aboard this splendid liner. For three days the sea was as smooth as a river, and the last three were somewhat rough.

One day, off England, in the morning about 5 o'clock we nearly ran a steamer down. I was awakened by the tooting and blowing of the whistles and mostly by the vibrations caused by the reversing of the ship's propellers. I jumped out of my bunk and looked out the porthole and could just make out, through the dense fog, a ship steaming by our bow. It was a close shave, but very few of the passengers knew anything about it. We reached your dear old England about 9 in the morning, and it was mostly enveloped in fog; only occasionally could we make out the green hills. France was quite different, her beautiful green hills showing themselves off in the brilliant sunshine. After that, about 3 in the afternoon, we arrived in Bremerhaven. From the distance we could make out the peculiar house-tops and the picturesque old windmills, and then, on nearer approach, the solid, sturdy appearance of things.

SOUVENIRS ON SALE.

The souvenir sale and exhibition at the Art League rooms opens Thursday, November 19, and will remain open three days. As the "kamaaina" Christmas cards and dinner cards proved so successful last year, others of the same sort in new designs will be exhibited; also some beautiful pieces of decorated china. Hawaiian lace work and Hawaiian woodwork can also be seen. No

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EMPIRE THEATER.

Another change of program at the Empire Theater this afternoon, when a lot of new pictures will be shown. In the evening there will be some new illustrated songs sung by Mrs. King, and instrumental pieces by Mr. Vierra.

NAVAL BASES ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 5.—Attention is strongly invited in the annual report of Rear Admiral Pillsbury, chief of the navigation bureau, to the lack of a defended naval base in either the American insular possessions in the East or the Caribbean sea.

So important is this question believed to be that, in Admiral Pillsbury's opinion, all appropriations for new improvements at naval stations or for defense of coast ports would give way to the estimate of defense of naval bases in Pearl Harbor and at Guantanamo for these bases are vital to our success in war.

There is a renewal of the previous recommendation that the grade of vice admiral be revived. It is proposed that five officers of this rank be authorized. Admiral Pillsbury thinks it due the service and the country that the commanders in charge of our Atlantic and Pacific fleets should have at least this rank.

Prospects are now that under the present system there will be an excess of graduates from the naval academy, and the recommendation is made that the period of nomination of midshipmen is extended from four years to six years, with a view to reducing by one-third the number promoted to ensigns.

BRITISH FLEET WILL NOT MAKE WORLD TOUR

LONDON, Nov. 6.—The idea of sending a British fleet on a tour around the world apparently never has advanced beyond the stage of suggestion. Alfred Deakin, the prime minister of Australia, hinted at the advisability of such a maneuver after the departure of the American fleet from Australia, but the British admiralty appears to have discouraged the carrying out of his proposal, at any rate in the near future, and today a high official of the admiralty authorized the statement that no such voyage was contemplated.

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